



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

## FORENSIC BIOLOGIST I

Job Number: 20000943

Job Code: 40610V161116

Job Group: 4000 - HEALTH SCIENCE AND LABORATORY

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 11/16/2016

Grade: 13 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$16,432-\$21,875 - Hourly

\$2,670.20-\$3,554.70 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$2,848.22-\$3,791.68 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

NONE

NONE

NONE

### PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 12 months. For additional information refer to: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/101/001/325.htm>.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JOB:** *Characteristics of a job are general statements indicating the level of responsibility and discretion of positions in that job classification. These are not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Participates in an agency training program in forensic biology and performs supervised biology or DNA databasing duties in a forensic laboratory; and performs other duties as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

#### **EDUCATION:**

Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in a biological science, forensic science, or a related science field.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

NONE

#### **Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:**

NONE

#### **Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:**

NONE

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):**

NONE

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION:** *Examples of duties or responsibilities are not to be construed as describing what the duties or responsibilities of any position shall be and are not to be construed as limiting the appointing authority's ability to assign, or otherwise alter the duties and responsibilities of a position. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Participates in an agency training program in forensic biology. Receives training in the identification and characterization of blood and other physiological fluids. Examines and identifies hair and performs related examinations by microscopy. Performs the various techniques used in the collection, preservation, receipt and examination of physical evidence. Identifies blood and determines whether human or animal origin. Prepares serological and chemical reagents and assists in maintenance of quality control. Performs supervised genetic identification of biological specimens. Prepares reports of examinations and experiments performed. Reviews books, journals, periodicals and notes relative to the duties of the position. Assists in the preparation of evidence for presentation in court proceedings and testifies in court regarding examination results. Presence may be required at crime scenes to assist with evidence gathering and processing.

**UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

The work requires standing for long periods of time and possibly assisting in lifting dead bodies.

**TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:** *Incumbents in the job will typically perform their job duties under these conditions.*

Incumbents in this classification will typically perform their job duties in a forensic laboratory setting. May have some contact with contagious diseases and/or body fluids. Regular handling of sharp surgical instruments. Regular exposure to noxious odors, chemicals substances and biohazardous compounds.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Upon appointment, employees in this class may be required to maintain a valid driver's license and required to drive a licensed vehicle. This status may be necessary for the length of time in this class. If this is necessary it will be listed in the specific position description for that position. Applicants and employees in this job title may be required to submit to a drug screening test and background check. Applicants and employees in positions which perform job duties that may require contact with offenders in the custody or supervision of the Department of Corrections or with youth in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice must meet qualifications pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 C.F.R.115.17 and 115.317.

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